

In Re Appln of Tadao YAMAGUCHI
Application No. 09/709,461

REMARKS

In response to the Official Action mailed February 25, 2003, Applicant amends his application and requests reconsideration.

In this Amendment the dependencies of claims 2, 3, and 5 are changed, which likewise changes the ultimate parent claim for claims 5 and 6. The claim amendments are supported by the application as filed.

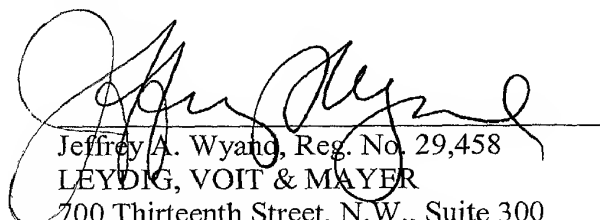
It is noted that the Preliminary Amendment could not be entered with respect to the amendment at page 1, line 10.

The assertion that the application did not contain an abstract is erroneous. The patent application included an abstract on page 12, following the last of the claim pages, and that abstract was amended in the Preliminary Amendment filed simultaneously with the application. A second copy of the amended abstract is supplied here.

No demand for a substitute specification has been found in the reprinting of 37 CFR 1.125 in the Official Action. The manner of amending claims quoted in the Official Action does not apply to this application since it is examined in Art Unit 2834. See Notice accompanying the Official Action.

In response to the further election requirement, Applicant elects the alleged species of Figures 5 and 6 upon which claims 2-6, 9, and 10 may be read. Prompt and favorable examination of those claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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